

**ADJOURNED COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF WATERTOWN
April 8, 2002
7:00 P.M.**

MAYOR PRO TEM ROXANNE M. BURNS PRESIDING

PRESENT: COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH
 COUNCILMAN PAUL A. SIMMONS
 COUNCILMAN JEFFREY M. SMITH
 MAYOR PRO TEM BURNS

ABSENT: MAYOR JOSEPH M. BUTLER

ALSO PRESENT: CITY MANAGER JERRY C. HILLER
 ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER MARY M. CORRIVEAU

Mayor Pro Tem Burns opened the adjourned meeting.

Motion was made by Councilman Clough to take from the table the ordinance “Authorizing the Issuance of \$125,000 Serial Bonds Of The City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, To Pay The Cost Of The Removal And Replacement Of The Roof At The City-Owned Property At 337 Engine Street, In And For Said City” (Introduced on April 1, 2002; tabled; appears in its entirety on page 67 of the 2002 Minutes Book).

Motion was seconded by Councilman Simmons and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

Mr. Liu, City Engineer, answered questions posed by the Council concerning the roof replacements costs. He explained that a 10% increase from the \$88,000 would probably be enough if the roof was not too bad and there was not more extensive work to be done once the contractor opens it up. Mr. Liu stated that if more work was needed and the costs increased, they would have to come back to the Council for more money to finish the project.

Councilman Simmons remarked that change orders always come to Council after the work has already been completed.

Mr. Liu explained that the contractor doesn't make the decision for change orders. The Engineering Department determines if the work needs to be done. He explained that due to time constraints, they couldn't come to Council for pre-approval.

Councilman Simmons commented that 10% over the bid amount, allows for a lot of extra work to be completed without change orders.

Mr. Liu explained that some other municipalities authorize the City Engineer to spend a set amount over the bid amount. Otherwise, delays can come up and no new items can be added without approval.

Councilman Simmons asked if the drainage was taken into consideration when the project was bid.

Mr. Liu stated that it was.

Councilman Clough asked Mr. McCauley how he would bond for this project.

Mr. McCauley explained that he would only borrow \$88,000 regardless of how much the Council decides the bond ordinance should be for.

Councilman Clough asked about slowing down the project if the bonding was for less.

Mr. Liu explained that the total project should only take between three and four weeks. If the process was slowed down due to these issues, a contractor could file a claim against the City.

Mrs. Corriveau also advised that if Council only bonds for \$88,000 and the project comes in at \$97,000, the additional bonding costs might impact the contract. She also explained that \$3,000 of the \$88,000 is for bonding costs. Therefore, a bond of \$95,000 would only realize an increase of \$7,000.

Mr. McCauley explained that he would start the borrowing process around April 15th.

Councilman Smith asked if the contractors inspected the roof.

Mr. Liu stated that they all had.

Mayor Pro Tem Burns stated that her concern last week was the large disparity between the bid and the bond amounts.

Councilman Simmons remarked that he is concerned with costs overruns on City projects. He stated that Council needs to know where the dollars are going.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN SMITH TO AMEND THE AMOUNT OF THE SERIAL BONDS TO \$100,000.

MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SIMMONS AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR THEREOF.

AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE AS AMENDED AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Councilman Clough to move into Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations as it relates to the CSEA contract.

Motion was seconded by Councilman Smith and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

Council moved into Executive Session at 7:29 p.m.

The City Clerk was excused.

Following the Executive Session, Council returned to chambers at 8:30 p.m. adjourned and moved into a work session where they discussed the Emerson Place project.

Donna M. Dutton, City Clerk